GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3564
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SPURIOUS LIQUOR
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have formulated any scheme to check/stop the production of spurious liquor in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Delhi High Court has recently directed the Union Government and various State Governments to take adequate measures to stop the sale and production of spurious liquor;

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government thereon;

(e) whether the Union Government have issued guidelines/directives to various State Governments in this regard; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(f): The production, manufacture, possession, transport, purchase and sale of intoxicating liquors is in the State List as per the Entry 8 of List - II of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India.

A CW No.1810/2002 has been filed by Mrs. Meera Bhatia and others of Common Cause in High Court of Delhi.Notices have been issued to respondents i.e. Union of India and others and next date of hearing has been fixed for 18.05.2002. The Delhi High Court have indicated that in the meantime, they expect the Respondents (the Union of India and others) to take all positive and effective steps to see that spurious liquor in any form may not be distributed.

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment is charged with creating a social environment conducive to implementation of prohibition through generating awareness and rehabilitation of addicts. Under the Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse, financial assistance of about Rs.20 Crores is being provided, ever year, to about 350 Non-Government Organisations for preventive eduction, awareness, counselling, identification, treatment, rehabilitation, after care and follow up of addicts.

`Police` and `Public Order` are State Subjects as per the Constitution of India.The Government of India has been advising State Governments from time to time stressing upon them the need to take preventive, punitive and rehabilitative measures in connection with crimes.